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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP. U.S.-YUGOSLAV SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. NSF GRANT GF-39812 TO U.S.-
YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD.

REF: BELGRADE A-370, BELGRADE A-371, STATE 164857

1. DURING PAST MONTHS YUGOSLAVS TOOK A NUMBER OF
UNILATERAL DECISIONS REGARDING NSF PROJECTS UNDER NSF GRANT
TO U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD (GF-39812): FUNDS GIVEN PREVIOUSLY
TO GRANTEES BY NSF WERE BLOCKED; BUDGETS FOR COMPLETION OF SOME
PROJECTS WERE DECREASED; CERTAIN INSTITUTES WERE ELIMINATED
FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH; GRANTS FOR
ACTIVITIES IN 1973 AUTHORIZED BY NSF IN APRIL AND MAY 1973
HAVE NOT YET BEEN AWARDED BY JOINT BOARD. THESE DECISIONS
WERE TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH NSF AND COOPERATING US
SCIENTISTS AND/OR INSTITUTIONS AND ARE CONTRARY TO DECISIONS
ADOPTED BY U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD AT ITS
DECEMBER 6-10, 1973 MEETING.

2. NSF STRONGLY PROTESTS AGAINST SUCH UNILATERAL DECISIONS.
FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES NSF POSITION CONCERNING ITS PROJECTS:
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(A) "THE QUALITY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY; " F. KRANJC,
UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA,
WITH RALPH GENS, BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION. FORMERLY
NSF GRANT GF-31056.

THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT MUST CONTINUE AS DESCRIBED IN
ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. NSF REJECTS ALL UNILATERAL DECISIONS BY
YUGOSLAV SIDE, AND REQUESTS THAT FUNDS FOR CONTINUATION
OF PROJECT BE DEBLOCKED, JOINT BOARD GRANT LETTER
SIGNED, AND PAYMENT TO GRANTEE MADE WITHOUT DELAY. NSF URGES
STRONG ACTION.

(B) "ANALYTICAL AND FULL-SCALE STUDIES ON THE EQRTQUAKE
RESISTANT DESIGN OF BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED BY INDUSTRIALIZED
METHODS AND OF FOUR DIFFERENT TYPES OF DAMS; " J. BOUWKAMP AND
E. WILSON, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, WITH J.
HAHAMOVIC, UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO. FORMERLY
NSF GRANT GF-29958.

IN AGREEMENT WITH GRANTEE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY,
AND U.S. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, DR. J. BOUWKAMP, NSF REJECTS
UNILATERAL DECISION OF YUGOSLAV SIDE CONCERNING DECREASE OF
FUNDS IN BUDGET FOR 1975-1976 WHICH WAS PREPARED BY YUGOSLAV
CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, DR. J. HAHAMOVIC, WITHOUT ANY
CONSULTATION WITH NSF OR GRANTEE. FUNDS FOR THE
COMPLETION OF PROJECT MUST REMAIN AT LEVEL WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY
AGREED UPON (DIN. 3,466,069).

(C) "PROBLEMS OF ELECTROCHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL
DEPOSITION AND DISSOLUTION OF METALS;" M. KARSULIN, YUGOSLAV
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS, WITH H. MARK, UNIVERSITY OF
CINCINNATI. FORMERLY NSF GRANT GF-31057.

BUDGET FOR 1975 OF THIS PROJECT WAS DECREASED BY UNILATERAL
ACTION OF YUGOSLAV SIDE, AND MACEDONIAN GROUP UNDER LEADERSHIP
OF ACADEMICIAN PANCE KIRKOV WAS ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER
PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT. NSF, IN AGREEMENT WITH COOPERATING
U.S. SCIENTIST, DR. HARRY MARK, REJECTS THIS UNILATERAL ACTION
AND REQUESTS THAT MACEDONIAN GROUP CONTINUE PARTICIPATING
IN PROJECT AND THAT FULL AMOUNT BE AWARDED TO GRANTEE (DIN
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3,546,034).

(D) "NON-PROJECT TRAVEL OF U.S. SCIENTISTS."

THIS NSF PROJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT MAY 1974 MEETING OF
JOINT BOARD, BUT NO DECISION WAS REACHED. YUGOSLAV SIDE
UNDERTOOK TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS TO MILLS PRIOR TO FALL BOARD
MEETING. PLEASE SEEK GOY AGREEMENT TO NSF PROPOSAL.

(E) REPORTS ON GRANTS FOR 1973 ACTIVITIES.

IN APRIL AND MAY 1974, NSF TRANSMITTED TO U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD NECESSARY INFORMATION AND CONCURRENCE FOR SEVEN GRANTS FROM JOINT FUND FOR 1973. IN EACH OF SEVEN AIRGRAMS, WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED IN STATE 164857 OF JULY 29, 1974, NSF REQUESTED THAT COPIES OF JOINT BOARD GRANT LETTERS BE SENT TO ITS OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TO COOPERATING U.S. SCIENTIST. AS OF THIS DATE, NSF HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF ONLY FOUR GRANT LETTERS. NSF REQUESTS A REPORT ON OTHER THREE GRANTS.

3. EFFORTS WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TO OBTAIN SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. HOWEVER SINCE SOME OF PROBLEMS ARE BECOMING CRITICAL ADDITIONAL STEPS BY EMBASSY APPEAR NECESSARY. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF ADDITIONAL EFFORTS. KISSINGER

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